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SUBJECT: TV EVENING NEWS SURVEY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12,  
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1. NBC: CHANCELLOR OPENS WITH CAIRO ARRIVAL, FILM AND  
COMMENTARY ON MASS TURNOUT, PRESIDENT'S SPEECH; CUTS TO  
UTLEY AT KUBA PALACE ON RECEPTION AND DINNER; CUTS BACK TO  
CHANCELLOR, WHO NOTES HAK STAYED IN BACKGROUND DURING  
CEREMONIES. SWITH TO BROKAW (NY ANCHOR) WHO PICKS UP  
THEME:

,BROKAW: SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE  
BACKGROUND IN CAIRO, BUT IN WASHINGTON, HIS THREAT TO RESIGN  
WAS CAUSING A STIR ON SEVERAL FRONTS TODAY: THE HOUSE,  
SENATE, AND WHITE HOUSE, AND WE'LL HAVE REPORTS.

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS THE SUBJECT OF A  
BIPARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED TODAY. IT PRAISES  
HIS INTEGRITY AND HIS TRUTHFULNESS. AND IT FOLLOWS  
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KISSINGER'S ANGRY DEMAND THAT HIS ROLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE  
WIRE TAPPING BE CLEARED UP, OR HE'LL RESIGN.

AND WHILE SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER STAYED IN THE BACKGROUND IN CAIRO TODAY, THERE WERE SEVERAL STRONG STATEMENTS IN HIS BEHALF IN WASHINGTON:

MUCH OF THE BLAME WAS DIRECTED AT THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. HERE ARE REPORTS FROM RAY SCHERER AND CATHERINE MACKIN.

MACKIN: SENATOR CLIFFORD CASE, THE REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO ORIGINALLY EXAMINED DR. KISSINGER'S ROLE IN WIRE TAPPING, SAID TODAY THE ESSENCE OF THE COMMITTEE'S NEW INVESTIGATION WOULD BE TO DECIDE WHETHER KISSINGER TOLD THE TRUTH.

BUT OTHERS, ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION GETTING OUT. SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT CALLED IT "RECKLESS LEAKING." HE SAID, "IT'S GOING TOO FAR."

SENATOR GOLDWATER AGREED, ,LEAKS, ARE THE ISSUE AND NOT WHETHER DR. KISSINGER LIED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE."

SENATOR GOLDWATER: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE TOLD THE TRUTH OR NOT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE SAID.

Q. DON'T YOU THINK THAT IS REALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION, WHETHER OR NOT --

A. NO, IT'S NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION. I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY COUNTRY AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT MYSELF. I'M WORRIED ABOUT ANY OF YOU -- BECAUSE IT'S VERY OBVIOUS TO ME THAT ANY INFORMATION THE GOVERNMENT HAS, CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE WASHINGTON POST OR ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER THAT WANTS TO PAY THE PRICE.

THIS IS PLAIN, OUTRIGHT, TREASON, AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT.

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MAKCKIN: AT THE WHITE HOUSE PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR DEAN BURCH MOVED QUICKLY TO USE THE KISSINGER RELEASE AS A REASON FOR CRITICIZING THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S IMPEACHMENT INVESTIGATION.

BURCH: WE MUST CONCLUDE FROM THIS THAT CHAIRMAN RODINO HAD PRETTY WELL LOST CONTROL OF THAT COMMITTEE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON FEBRUARY 6TH, HE SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FAIRLY. LET US NOW PROCEED WITH CARE, DECENCY, AND THOROUGHNESS AND HONOR."

AND FRANKLY, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO LIVE UP TO HIS PROMISE.

MACKIN: BURCH SAID THE KISSINGER LEAK SHOWED THE WISDOM OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION NOT TO TURN OVER ANY MORE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

BRUCE MORTON: CHAIRMAN RODINO DEPLORED ANY LEAKS BUT SAID NOT ALL OF THEM CAME FROM THE COMMITTEE. DEFINITELY NOT THE PHOTOCOPY OF THE 1973 FBI MEMO ABOUT KISSINGER, HAIG, AND WIRE TAPPING.

RODINO: THE NEWSPAPERS TODAY, CARRIED A PHOTOCOPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT CERTAINLY DID NOT COME FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND YET IT'S BEEN CARRIED IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS. WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT, DESPITE THE CRITICISM THAT MAY BE LEVELED AT US, AND AS I STATE -- I'M NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM THAT -- I THINK IT WAS UNFORTUNATE. I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO DO A VERY RESPONSIBLE JOB UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S TO BE COMMENDED FOR WHAT IT'S DONE UP UNTIL NOW -- AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE DIVERTED FROM THESE ATTACKS THAT ARE BEING MADE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK TO DISCREDIT THE COMMITTEE.

RAY SCHERER: RODINO HAD PLEADED WITH THE COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS TODAY, TO RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY

AND ACT RESPONSIBLY, BUT THE FACT IS, THERE ARE THIRTY-  
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EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND RODINO ADMITTED THAT HE COULD NOT CONTROL THE ACTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.  
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2. CBS. CRONKITE OPENS IN FRONT OF KUBA WITH COMMENTARY ON DAY'S ACTIVITIES. FILM AND REPORTAGE OF MASS WELCOME, PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, RECEPTION AND DINNER CLOSELY TRACK NBC'S TREATMENT. RATHER COMMENTARY INTRODUCES HAK RESIGNATION ISSUE.

RATHER: KISSINGER IS IN THE BACKGROUND. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HIS PRESENCE WAS BEING DELIBERATELY DOWNGRADED. FOR EXAMPLE, TONIGHT IN THE RECEIVING LINE KISSINGER WAS NOWHERE NEAR THE PHOTOGRAPHER. VARIOUS DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THIS TO BE A CASE OF KISSINGER SIMPLY DOING HIS BEST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT NIXON GETS MAXIMUM PERSONAL ATTENTION THIS TRIP.

KISSINGER WAS AT MR. NIXON'S SIDE TONIGHT AS THE TWO WERE

GIVEN EGYPT'S HIGHEST MEDAL BY PRESIDENT SADAT. EARLIER WHEN A REPORTER HAD ASKED, "DID KISSINGER OFFER TO RESIGN AGAIN TODAY?" PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER SHOT BACK QUICKLY, "HEAVENS NO." AND KISSINGER TONIGHT LOOKED ANYTHING BUT LIKE A MAN WHO IS READY TO RESIGN.

(SWITCHES TO MUDD, ANCHORING IN NY) MUDD: DEMOCRATIC SENATOR ALLEN OF ALABAMA TODAY INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER CALLING HIS VERACITY BEYOND REPROACH. THE RESOLUTION CARRIED THE NAMES OF 39 SENATORIAL SPONSORS. BERNARD SHAW AND BRUCE MORTON REPORT ON FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL REACTION. KISSINGER'S DEMAND THAT HE BE CLEARED OF LEAKED ACCUSATIONS THAT HE WAS AN EAGER WIRE TAPPER.

BERNARD SHAW: A REPUBLIC COUNTERATTACK OVER KISSINGER'S CREDIBILITY IS UNDER WAY WITH TWO PARTY HEAVYWEIGHTS ON THE FRONT LINES. ONE ZEROED IN ON NEWSPAPERS WHICH PRINT LEAKED INFORMATION; THE OTHER TOOK ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. (QUOTES BURCH AND GOLDWATER TO SAME EFFECT AS ABOVE)

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SHAW: POST EDITOR BEN BRADLEE CALLED GOLDWATER'S CHARGE OUTRAGEOUS. HE SAID, "WE NEITHER STOLE IT NOR PAID FOR IT."

MORTON: INSIDE THEIR NOT-SO-SECRET HEARING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOO DEPLORED LEAKS AND HEARD CHAIRMAN PETER RODINO LECTURING THE VIRTUES OF SILENCE. REPUBLICAN JOSEPH MARAZITI WANTED THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE ITS CONFIDENCE IN KISSINGER. "OUT OF OUR JURISDICTION," SAID RODINO. OTHER REPUBLICANS HAD TOUGHER SUGGESTIONS. CHARLES SANDMAN OF NEW JERSEY SAID ANY LEAKING CONGRESSMAN SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THE CONGRESS.

AFTER THE HEARING DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS MET IN A CLOSED CAUCUS. (QUOTES RODINO TO SAME EFFECT AS ABOVE).

MUDD: WHAT ENRAGED SECRETARY KISSINGER APPARENTLY WAS THE IMPLICATION AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK THAT HE HAD COMMITTED PERJURY BEFORE THE CONGRESS. MARVIN KALB HAS EXAMINED THE RECORD AND HAS THIS REPORT:

KALB: A CLOSE READING OF KISSINGER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LAST SEPTEMBER REVEALS SOME SEMANTIC PROBLEMS ABOUT WIRE TAPPING BUT NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF PERJURY, THIS ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFFERS.

KISSINGER ADMITTED AT THAT TIME THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE WIRE TAPPING AND -- QUOTE -- I WENT ALONG WITH IT -- UNQUOTE. WHAT HE DID NOT SAY THEN BUT ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY YESTERDAY WAS THAT HE PROVIDED THE NAMES NOT ONLY OF OFFICIALS WITH ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION THAT LEAKED BUT ALSO OFFICIALS THAT HAD WHAT HE CALLED ADVERSE INFORMATION IN THEIR SECURITY FILES, AN ADDED CRITERION FOR WIRE TAPPING WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE, WHICH WAS PLUGGING UP NEWS LEAKS.

IN HIS RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS KISSINGER APPEARS TO BE PUTTING SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE PRESIDENT, BETWEEN HIS CONDUCT IN OFFICE AND NIXON'S. "I DON'T CONDUCT MY OFFICE," KISSINGER SAID LAST THURSDAY, "AS UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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THOUGH IT WERE A CONSPIRACY."

KISSINGER MAY BE TRYING TO FORCE THE PRESIDENT TO PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTS THAT HE THINKS WILL CLEAR HIS NAME. SOME BIT OF MOVEMENT TODAY. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAXBY MAY SOON BE GIVING SOME OF THOSE DOCUMENTS TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

3. ABC - SMITH/REASONER: OPENS WITH FIVE MINUTES OF JARRELL IN CAIRO ON WELCOME OF PRESIDENT. FOLLOWED BY REASONER:

REASONER: YESTERDAY, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S EMOTIONAL THREAT TO RESIGN OVERSHADOWED PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO AUSTRIA, BUT TODAY IN CAIRO IT WAS A DIFFERENT STORY. WE HAVE A REPORT ON KISSINGER FROM STEVE BELL.

BELL (ON CAMERA): SINCE ARRIVAL IN CAIRO, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS HAD A DISTINCTLY LOW PROFILE. HE WAS FAR TO THE BACK, UNSMILING, AS PRESIDENT NIXON AND SADAT EXCHANGED GLOWING TRIBUTES. HE SET OFF TO THE SIDE DURING THE OFFICIAL PICTURE-TAKING AND, IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY, HE RECEIVED EGYPT'S SECOND HIGHEST MEDAL. HE HEARD PRESIDENT SADAT PRAISE HIS PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS UNDER THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT NIXON. MR. NIXON GOT EGYPT'S HIGHEST AWARD. WHEN A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED IF PRESIDENT NIXON WAS ANGRY WITH KISSINGER FOR STEALING HEADLINES OR BRINGING UP WATERGATE ON THE TRIP, THE ANSWER WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT DIRECT WHAT COMES UP ON THESE TRIPS. HE DOES NOT FEEL DR. KISSINGER STOLE HIS HEADLINES. THIS IS NOT A HEADLINE-MAKING TRIP AND THAT IS AN ASININE QUESTION." UNQUOTE.

THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE CONFERRED ON THE FLIGHT TO CAIRO, BUT IT'S NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE RESIGNATION THREAT WAS DISCUSSED. KISSINGER DID NOT COME TO THE REAR OF AIR FORCE ONE TO TALK TO NEWSMEN, DESPITE SEVERAL REQUESTS. WHEN ASKED IF KISSINGER HAD ANY REGRETS ABOUT HIS STATEMENT TUESDAY, PRESS SECRETARY RONALD UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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ZEIGLER SAID, "I DON'T SPEAK FOR THE SECRETARY." ZEIGLER STOOD BY HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT THINKS EVERYTHING WILL BE WORKED OUT."

SWITCH TO SMITH: SECRETARY KISSINGER GOT MORE SUPPORT TODAY IN THE U.S. SENATE. A RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY ALABAMA DEMOCRAT JAMES ALLEN, DECLARING KISSINGER'S INTEGRITY TO BE ABOVE REPROACH.

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER CALLED FOR AN END, IN HIS WORDS, TO THE "ABUSE, INNUENDOS, AND ACCUSATIONS THAT LED TO KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN" AND SENATE REPUBLIC LEADER HUGH SCOTT SAID, "LET'S NOT RISK PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BY SEARCHING FOR HEADLINES."

BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THAT, THERE WERE MORE LEAKS TODAY BEARING ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER KISSINGER INITIATED WIRE TAPS OR DID NOT. SAM DONALDSON REPORTS:

DONALDSON (ON CAMERA): WILLIAM DIXON, THE STAFF COUNSEL ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HAS WRITTEN A MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHICH HE LABELED "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL," BUT ABC NEWS HAS SEEN A COPY. DIXON'S MEMO LISTS MATERIALS IN THE COMMITTEE'S POSSESSION WHICH BEAR ON THE KISSINGER WIRETAP QUESTION. AMONG THE TIMES LISTED BY DIXON ARE THESE.:

"ITEM: MEMO FROM J. EDGAR HOOVER. CONTENTS DESCRIPTION: KISSINGER CALLED HOOVER AND ASKED THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO STOP LEAKS."

"ITEM: MEMO FROM FBI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DEMOACHE: CONTENTS DESCRIPTION: ALEXANDER HAIG, KISSINGER'S DEPUTY, CAME TO THE OFFICE OF FBI OFFICIAL WILLIAM SULLIVAN AND MADE REQUESTS ON THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY FOR WIRETAPS. HAIG INSTRUCTED THAT NO RECORDS BE KEPT."

"ITEM: MEMO FROM HOOVER TO JOHN MITCHELL. CONTENTS DESCRIPTION: HOOVER ADVISED THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD REQUESTED THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TELEPHONE SURVEILLANCE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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BE INSTITUTED ON THE HOME OF AN UNNAMED PERSON."

"ITEM: AN AFFIDAVIT FROM A CIA STAFF PSYCHIATRIST.  
CONTENTS DESCRIPTION: MR. DAVID YOUNG STATED THAT THE  
ELLSBERG STUDY HAD THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY AND HAD BEEN  
REQUESTED BY JOHN EHRLICHMAN AND DR. KISSINGER."

"ITEM: AN FBI INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT MARDIAN, FORMER  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONTENTS DESCRIPTION: MARDIAN S  
STATED HE TOOK LOGS OF WIRETAPS TO THE WHITE HOUSE, TO  
DR. KISSINGER'S OFFICE, WHERE KISSINGER CHECKED THE  
WIRETAP SUMMARIES AGAINST WHAT KISSINGER HAD RECEIVED. THE  
DIXON REPORT SAYS 37 WIRETAP SUMMARIES WERE SENT TO  
KISSINGER BETWEEN MAY 29 1969 AND MAY 29 1970.

"ITEM: AN FBI INTERVIEW WITH JOHN MITCHELL. CONTENTS  
DESCRIPTION: MITCHELL STATED HE DISCUSSED TAPS WITH HAIG  
AND DR. KISSINGER AND THEY AGREED; -- QUOTE -- "THE  
WIRETAPS COULD BECOME EXPLOSIVE AND THAT THE WHOLE OPERATION  
WAS A DANGEROUS GAME WE WERE PLAYING.', END OF QUOTE.

SOME OF THESE ITEMS OBVIOUSLY CONFLICT WITH KISSINGER'S  
VERSION OF HIS ROLE, BUT THE DIXON MEMO TO JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS REACHES NO CONCLUSIONS. IT DOES NOT  
ENDORSE THE ITEMS AS TRUTHFUL; SIMPLY REPORTS THEY EXIST.  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, OF COURSE, IS DEAD. PRESUMABLY SOME OF THE  
OTHER MEMO WRITERS WILL BE QUESTIONED BY THE SFRC, WHICH HAS  
PROMISED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MATTER.

SWITH TO STEVEN GEER: ,THE NON-LEAKING MEMBERS OF THE  
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ARE HIGHLY DISTURBED BY THE  
LEADS OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL CONCERNING HENRY  
KISSINGER. AND, TODAY, ONE ANGRY REPUBLICAN MEMBER CALLED  
FOR DRASTIC ACTION.

REP. CHARLES SANDMAN (N.J. -- ON CAMERA): IF IT WAS DONE  
BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, IN MY JUDGMENT HE SHOULD BE  
SUSPENDED FROM THE COMMITTEE. AND, IN FACT, WHAT HE'S  
DONE IS OF SUCH A SERIOUS CHARGE, HE SHOULD BE SUSPENDED  
FROM CONGRESS. THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE --  
IT'S HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- AND EVERYONE KNEW IT WAS HIGHLY  
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CONFIDENTIAL. AND ANYONE WHO BREACHES THIS -- HIS  
WORD IS NO GOOD. IN FACT, HE'S NO GOOD."

GEER: AS THE LEAKS CONTINUE, DESPITE MEMBERS'  
PROTESTS, ONE DEMOCRAT SUGGESTED THE WAY TO END THE LEAKS

IS TO MAKE LEAKING UNNECESSARY.

REP. EDWARD MEZVINSKY (IOWA -- ON CAMERA): I THINK IT'S VERY BAD, WHAT HAPPENED. I'M VERY DISTRESSED BY IT. FOR THAT REASON, I VOTED TO OPEN THE PROCEEDINGS.

GEER: DO YOU THINK THE LEAKS HAVE DRAMATIZED YOUR REQUEST FOR OPENING THE HEARINGS?

MEZVINSKY: I THINK THEY'VE DRAMATIZED IT AND THEY'VE ALSO RAISED THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE.

GEER: FOR SOME TIME NOW THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN CALLING FOR OPEN HEARINGS; AND THIS AFTERNOON PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR DEAN BURCH ATTACHED THE COMMITTEE.

BURCH SHOWN ON CAMERA FOLLOWED BY RODINO (BOTH QUOTED AS ABOVE).

GEER: THERE HAVE BEEN LEAKS EVER SINCE THE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY BEGAN, BUT LEAKS ABOUT DR. KISSINGER HAVE PRODUCED MUCH GREATER CONCERN THAN LEAKS ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON."

AFTER FEATURES ON ERHLICHMANN, SADAT BESTOWING AWARDS, AND INDIA, SMITH CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTARY:

A COUPLE OF SMALL, NOT VERY IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS, ON THE WHITE-HOT TAKEOFF OF HENRY KISSINGER THROUGH THE ROOF YESTERDAY. SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE MID-EAST PRESSURE COOKER AND WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CALLED "LIARS" IN PUBLIC, LIKE SENATOR AKIN AND JAMES RESTON, SAY THAT HE WAS "SILLY." BUT, WITH RESPECT, I DISSENT. TO IMPROVE ON SIR WALTER SCOTT, "BREATHES THERE A MAN WITH SOUL SO DEAD WHO NEVER TO HIMSELF HAS SAID: TO HELL WITH IT."

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A REAL GOOD BLOWUP -- THE GENUINELY FELT DELETED EXPLETIVE -- IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL, AND MAYBE GOOD FOR THE NATION. SEEING HOW WATERGATE LINGERS AND LINGERS AND STAINS AND DIRTIES, I THINK KISSINGER WAS RIGHT TO FORCE PASSION, TO FORCE A VERDICT ON HIS BEHAVIOR WITHOUT DELAY -- TO SAY: "FIND ME CLEAN AND LET ME WORK OR I WANT OUT NOW."

NOW WE'LL HAVE A PROMPT DECISION, AS WE'RE NOT HAVING WITH MR. NIXON.

NOW, A COMMENT CRITICAL OF MR. KISSINGER: THE MATTER OF WHO INITIATED THE WIRETAPS IS TRIVIAL SEMANTICS. WHY COULDN'T KISSINGER HAVE SAID, "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO



STARTED THEM. THE TAPS WERE LEGAL AND NECESSARY. I WAS  
FOR FINDING OUT WHO ON MY STAFF, BY BETRAYING A TRUST,  
WAS LEAKING INFORMATION AND THREATENING A POLICY GENERALLY  
CONCEDED TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE"? HAD HE  
SAID THAT FROM THE START, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM --  
NO QUESTION AT ALL TODAY. HE DID NOT.

IT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE, ESPECIALLY IN FOREIGN POLICY;  
BUT IT'S OFTEN TRUE THAT A BLUNT, UNAMBIGUOUS CANDOR IS  
AN OFFICIAL'S BEST FRIEND. SISCO

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